

Thanks for taking my comments...

My concern deals with the list of significantly viewed television stations that was released Monday, February 7th. I live in Howard County, Arkansas...which is basically halfway between Little Rock, Arkansas and Shreveport, Louisiana..but as far as television viewing is concerned, lies within the Shreveport television DMA. It was my understanding that with the “significantly viewed” aspect of the Satellite Home Viewers Reauthorization Act, satellite providers would be put on an even “playing field” with the cable providers...as far as being able to broadcast local broadcast stations. According to the list released Monday, that won’t be happening in my area. Every cable system in towns within my county provide their viewers with the ABC, NBC & CBS local network stations of both Little Rock AND Shreveport. However, because I live in an unincorporated area and have to rely on satellite television, I’m only allowed to see the Shreveport stations. There were NO Little Rock network stations listed for my county in the significantly viewed stations released Monday.

I simply do not think it’s fair that cable viewers in a town closer to Shreveport than I am, are allowed to see local channels from both cities. Furthermore, cable tv customers in Texarkana, Texas get to see Arkansas news and sports..yet, I live in Arkansas..and I’m forced to watch news from Louisiana and Texas.

Furthermore, the county I live in, which joins the Little Rock DMA, is one of only TWO counties in the state of Arkansas..not bordering a neighboring state, that is not allowed to see at least one television station that broadcasts in the state of Arkansas. Again, that causes us to miss out on Arkansas news AND sports.

Thanks for your time,

Sincerely,

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